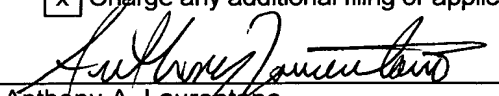
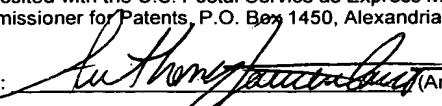
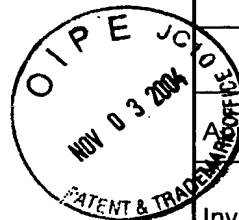


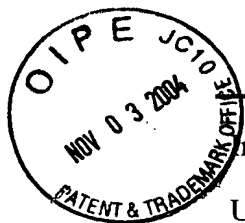
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Applicant(s): Masajiro INOUE <i>et al.</i>					
Invention: METHOD FOR FABRICATING A SEAL-INTERGRATED SEPARATOR					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed October 5, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider the rejection in light of the remarks set forth below.